



TROOP 181 BSA COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 25, 2009

Present: Phil Reece, Belinda Cowdrey, Ed Blondin, Paul Dandrea, Jessica Tufly, Ronnie Tufly, Tim Mason, Ryan Lambert, Eric Schmidt, Terry Nichols, John & Kathy Glogowski, MaryAnn Bushaw
Meeting started at 8:15 PM

Treasurer's Report: Greg is not here.

Next Committee Meeting: September 29, 2009 @ 8:05 PM

Past Events

Summer Camp at Lowden (July 5–11): *Summer camp at Camp Lowden has been reserved. The Council needs \$100 deposit to hold the date. (10/21) Sandy needs another \$100; it is a \$200 deposit. (1/27) Sandy needs to pay by April 5th, youth \$225, adults \$150. We would like to know how much points will be worth this year. In the past we had to pay \$25, and sometimes \$50. Terry proposes \$50 per Scout. Then full points are worth \$175.00. Craig seconds it. Voted on and approved. Approximately \$6,000 will be spent on summer camp, based on 30 scouts and 2 or 3 adults. (03/03) Sandy presented it tonight and sent something to Lori to put on the website. Lowden cost is \$225 by April 15th and \$275 late fee after May 15th. (3/31) Points are being tallied. Slips will be given out next week letting people know how much they will owe. Money must be paid by April 15th, except for new scouts. They have until May. Sandy got a tally of which adults will be going. It was suggested that we promote Citizenship in the World merit badge at camp, because they usually have someone from another country who is a Scout that boys can talk to, which is one of the requirements. Paul McCaffrey is willing to work with boys on this merit badge. (04/28) 19 scouts are paid and 7 new scouts are interested. 7 1/2 adults are going. \$3,062 are from points system. There's a possibility of one more scout and adult. (5/26) Greg is the half. One more signed-up last week and one more this week. There's nothing new, since Sandy was not here. (6/23) 28 boys will attend, 7 full-time adults, another for a half-week, and John Nash's Troop 283 is bringing 4 boys who will join us. Lois is working on Physicals. Kathy and MaryAnn will sit down with Sandy and go over things next Tuesday, since Sandy will not be able to attend this year. (7/28) 41 total attended – the largest group in camp. 56 merit badges were completed, 22 partials. (8/25) 8 rank advancements during that week also. Most of these were handed out at our last court of honor.*

Festa Italiana (7/31 & 8/1,2,3): *(6/23) No Thursday this year. Ed ran it last year. Phil suggested that he get someone new to train for it. Adriana and Lori volunteered to run it this year. (7/28) Two shifts are still open. We will ask for response at Magic Waters meeting. (8/25) We did well. All shifts got filled. We got great participation for the morning shifts. We completed Sat./Sun. mornings in one hour, which was a record. We may have had too many people in afternoon shifts. We were paid \$2100; the bill was left with them on Monday; we received a check on Saturday. Last year was \$2400, but included Thursday.*

High adventure camp (Aug. 8-15): *(5/20) Paul brought the information on High Adventure Camps in Maine. The Boy Scout High Adventure one has 3 levels of Kayaking. You get to pick your own trek anywhere*

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from calm waters to whitewater trails. The cost is about \$900 without travel fee. This covers everything they need. The duration of the trip is 6-days minimum, up to 8-days. If both boys and girls will be going we would need one adult of each sex to attend. The crew size should be 6 to 8. Maine High Adventure is the name. Deposit would be due by March 1st for reservation. Balance would be due upon arrival. The other ones he has are not Boy Scout run, but are private outfitters and the costs are similar. Ed suggests put options to boys and let them choose. Paul gave Belinda the brochure on it. (6/10) Tabling until it can be presented to the boys and they chose one. (07/22) Still tabled. (08/26) We talked a little about Sea Base, also about canoeing. Sandy suggested putting a person in charge of taking ideas. Sandy said she will do it. Ed will announce it at next meeting. Hopefully, there will be some planning at the September meeting. (09/30) Ed announced that we need to come up with ideas. Send them to Ed via email. They need to be to him before the November Court of Honor so we can present it that night to the boys. (10/21) Sandy suggested Washington DC; maybe tie it into a Jamboree 2010 visit. (1/27) Ed is not here to talk about it. (03/03) Ed suggested whitewater rafting or up to the Boundary Waters. It was also suggested that we combine something with the Jamboree next year and go through West Virginia. MaryAnn asked how many would qualify? Sandy suggested we check with the boys to see if there is an interest. It was \$460 2-years ago. Ed is still in charge and we are going to offer whitewater rafting in West Virginia; dates will be set next month. (3/31) Eric gave the information to Ed. We need to bring it up to the boys Monday after swimming to see who is interested. A tally should be recorded. (04/28) Tentative scheduled for July 18-26 – Approximate cost \$500. 14 and older with first class swimming requirement completed. 18 are interested. Ed talked to the boys tonight and asked them. 18 year olds are still eligible. It's white water rafting through River Adventures in Fayetteville, WV. (5/26) We have 8 interested and Poulisse showed interest tonight. Eric is going to bring the Venture Crew also. He will discuss it at their next meeting. August 8th through 15th is the new date; not the one in July. (6/23) We don't have any new information yet. Ed will contact the outfitter to arrange the dates we want, get cost information and reserve our spot. The approximate cost will be around \$500 per person. Eric said this is the week of the Boone County Fair (Spud Hut). (7/28) Reservations made for 10 people. (8/25) Good time; all survived. They got wet from weather and rides. 12 people went; 8 youth and 4 adults. To make it better Ed suggested we plan ahead starting with next committee meeting. The prices were higher. They did not get to go down the middle section of the river; sent through the end twice, which was the most exciting.

The Tall Ship, Windy (Aug. 22): The cost is \$750 -- 50 people would make it \$15 per person. There will be a campout with it. Terry says we should consider inviting other troops or packs to fill-out our minimum costs, like we did last time. A \$250 deposit is needed. (10/21) Sandy paid the deposit and suggested we invite Webelos to come for the day also. (11/25) Concentrate on Webelos I and II of associated packs; take fliers to their Blue and Gold Banquets. We may offer it to other troops also. (1/27) Nothing new. (03/03) Nothing new. (3/31) Nothing new. It was pointed-out that it is the same weekend as Wood Badge. (04/28) Sandy still needs to get a campsite. Last time we camped at Chain O' Lakes State Park. (5/26) Chain O' Lakes campground is confirmed. Nothing else new, Sandy not here. (6/23) We are reserved. Sandy wants to know what we are going to charge the Webelos. We suggested \$15 per person. It is only for a Scout and his parent. A parent is required to come with them. The Webelos are only coming for the day, not camping out. The ship is totally ours. Sandy is checking on how many people the ship holds. We need people to pay in advance to make sure of their commitment. There are no refunds. (7/28) This will be a family campout. (8/25) There were 12 scouts and 10 adults who camped. Nine more met us on the Pier. We had 31 people on the ship; we were 19 short. Only 31 signed-up and they all came. We had to pay \$750 for the group rate, so we ate a lot of the cost. No cub scouts came, even though it was promoted to them. Some of the packs had conflicts. [The ship needs to be reserved months in advance; the deposit was paid last October.]

Future Events

Council Show and Do (Aug. 29): (04/28) Show and Do is a one-day training event for all adult Boy Scout leaders, Venturing leaders, and Webelos den leaders who are moving into the Boy Scout program. This will be

held at Camp Lowden. Registration is due August 19 at a cost of \$15; \$20 after that date; price includes lunch. Contact Donn Vitek at 815-459-9119 or email at d.vitek@excite.com. (5/26) Phil confirmed with Donn that registration is due August 19. This is for anyone who wants to learn anything. Eric thought the list was in the Courier. (6/23) 29 items are available – pick 6. Phil recommends everyone attend. Belinda suggested we bring proof back that we attended. The troop will reimburse the cost. 4 to 5 people are talking about going as of now. (7/28) Nothing new. (8/25) The schedule is in the Courier. Belinda, Edmund and Adriana are attending. Eric is teaching. He said there were a total of 26 people registered.

Byron Dragway (Sunday, 9/6): (6/23) Free ... for anyone in uniform. Track opens at 9:00, racing at 10:00. They serve food, but you can bring in your own. We could possibly campout. Ed Hoffman brought up the information; his boss owns the track. This date is Labor Day weekend. It should be covered by our Annual Tour Permit: Sandy checked with Andy Murray and it is acceptable now (If you are a commercial customer, it does not matter anymore). (7/28) Consider this a family outing. We need more details from Ed H. for a handout at a Troop meeting. (8/25) A flyer was handed-out tonight.

District Camp-o-ree (Oct. 9-11): (04/28) It will be Highland Games. Registration will be limited. (5/26) Since the sign-up is limited, we need to jump on it the minute the sign-up comes out. (6/23) Nothing new. (7/28) Nothing new. (8/25) The cost is \$10.00 if paid by Sept. 30, 2009; \$13.00 after that date. Events include sheaf toss, stone put, shinty game, hill race, caber toss, hammer throw, archery, haggis hurl, tug-o-war, and campfires. The price includes a special patch and a Highlander lunch for all attendees. The flyer was shown.

Christmas Trees (Dec): (7/28) We bought from Hensler Nursery in Hamlet, IN. Terry reported that the grower is changing prices. All sizes of scotch pines will be \$1 higher this year. The two smaller sizes of Fraser firs will be \$1 less. Larger firs are the same price. Grower does not have any 8-10' scotch pines this year; we sold 30 last year. Potentially, we could purchase larger White Pines instead. These are trees with longer needles. We need to get the transportation cost in writing this year to avoid the emergency request for extra money. Last year tree cost was \$8,093.50. (8/25) Terry emailed the order contingent on getting a driver. Terry has not heard back from the driver yet. Eric received a call from him though. Eric is checking with Greg to see who the money was given to last year. The owner did not realize the driver requested the extra money even though it showed up on his invoice. [Post-meeting note: We wrote a check for \$590 last year.] Last year, we ordered 400 trees; Terry wants only 380 this year. The smallest we order is 6 to 7 feet. If we order 5 to 6 feet trees that would be cheaper; they're \$8.95. Terry would like to convert 50 of the 150 to this 5' - 6' size. 8-10' trees have to be white pines; they do not offer tall scotch pines. Eric suggested we actually advertise this year in cheap papers and on store bulletin boards. Also, suggested we hand out a flyer with our wreath sales. [Post-meeting note: Dean Pick called Terry 8/26 and will charge a flat rate of \$500 for the 380 trees this year.]

National Scout Jamboree (2010) – It's something for us to consider! (08/26) The internet Courier gives the following information that is being passed around. Greg mentioned that he picked-up some brochures at summer camp and they were back with our paperwork in the back room. We discussed it and there was a suggestion that we could possibly just go as visitors. Nothing was decided, just discussed. Terry said he thought this was the last time that it would be in Virginia. (09/30) Nothing new. (10/21) The council is still looking for people to attend. They want to fill two troops (72-scouts and 8-adults at \$2000 each), and aren't half way there yet. If they don't get enough in a couple of weeks they will be dropping one of the troops. We believe any scout troop can visit on one day. (11/25) Sign-up ends in January. (1/27) We believe they were only able to fill one troop along with a couple alternates. (03/03) Council did not get enough for a second troop, but the council is keeping it and extending the opportunity. (3/31) Council still needs more people. (04/28) Derek

was offered an opportunity to go as an Assistant Scoutmaster. He was asking if the committee was willing to help out with the cost. It will be tabled for now. (Derek needs to get us more information as far as when it has to be turned-in as well as his exact cost.) The troop will need to consider it and see if we have any funds available for it after troop expenses have been considered. (5/26) Nothing new. (6/23) Derek still needs to get more information. Item is tabled for now. (7/28) Nothing new. (8/25) Still left it at 2 groups.

Training:

Boy Scout Roundtable: Sept 10, 7:00 PM at Rock Cut at Olsen Lake. We'll see a water rescue demonstration with a helicopter. Cub Scout Roundtable is still at the church.

Youth Protection: <http://olc.scouting.org/> Training is good for TWO years. This should be done on the national site, print your card and let MaryAnn Bushaw know! If your card does not print out, go back in and it will let you print it.

Fast Start: <http://olc.scouting.org/> This should be done on the national site; print your card and let MaryAnn Bushaw know! If your card does not print out, go back in and it will let you print it.

Leader Specific: Is offered in the Spring and the Fall through regular classes.

This is Scouting (formerly New Leader Essentials): <http://olc.scouting.org/> This should be done on the national site; print your card and let MaryAnn Bushaw know! If your card does not print out, go back in and it will let you print it.

Hazardous Weather Training: <http://olc.scouting.org/> This should be done on the national site, print your card and let MaryAnn Bushaw know! If your card does not print out, go back in and it will let you print it. All adults should take it (17 have already completed it).

Wilderness First Aid Training: (5/26) (6/23) We're waiting for new dates.

The Next Step Training (11/7/09): This is a one-day training conference where all the "Basic Leader Training" courses will be offered at one location: Winnebago High School. Registration starts at 7:45 AM and the sessions end at 4:45 PM. See the *Courier* for the sessions offered. Eric will be there.

Wood Badge For the 21st Century C-25-08 (Aug. 22-24 and Sep. 19-21, 2008): (5/20) *Tim is all set to go. Belinda signed-up and paid today. (6/10) Nothing new to report. (07/22) Ideas for tickets are; make up schedules for Roundtable, see MaryAnn. Sandy said you can volunteer at Day Camp also. (08/26) Belinda and Tim attended their first session this last weekend. Sandy is on staff as a Troop Guide. (09/30) Belinda had to tell what her ticket items were; we will get Tim's next month. (10/21) Tim is working his ticket. He is doing Woodcutters Ball, Baloo training, New Scout orientation, Community Pinewood Derby, and one other item. Belinda has 1 done. (1/27) Tim had a problem with one item, but he will be back on track. He has one done. Belinda has 2 done, 1 more this weekend, and 2 waiting for events to occur. (03/03) Belinda has 3 items done and her 4th one is coming around with the New Family Orientation on the 14th. (3/31) Belinda and Tim completed ticket items by conducting the New Family Orientation. Belinda has one left, which she is hoping to complete in April. We do not know where Tim is on his ticket completions. (04/28) Belinda is complete and her paperwork is turned-in. She's hoping to get her beads at our Family Court of Honor. Tim has completed 2 or 3 ticket items. (5/26) Belinda received her beads at the Family Court of Honor. Tim has completed 3 and working with his counselor to change the fourth, and the last one will be completed in October. (6/23) Tim has 2 done and 3 to go (Woodcutters Ball, ScoutReach, and another one). He will need to get a new ticket item*

since one he chose is no longer available. His counselor suggested that he talk to our committee to get ideas. Several were given to him to choose from. (7/28) Tim reported 3.5 items done. (8/25) Tim has one left on October 10th at the Woodcutters Ball.

Wood Badge For the 21st Century C-54-09 (Aug. 21-23 and Sept. 18-20, 2009):

2009 announcements are out. Tom Siefken will be the course director. (11/25) Dates are now set. (1/27) Phil encourages people to attend for this year. Our troop pays for it. You pay \$50 deposit up front and get reimbursed when you complete it. Phil will be on staff for this course. (03/03) We have 3 interested – Ryan, Derek and Greg. Derek has committed to it. (3/31) Only 11 are registered so far. Edmund Lopez is also interested in taking it. (04/28) Derek has his application, Ryan is still considering it. 23 people are registered so far; they want 48. (5/26) There are 35 registered for the course, no one from Troop 181 has registered as of May 1. (6/23) Derek and Ryan are both signed-up and paid their deposits. The course is now opened up to 64. Have to have at least 36 paid-up one month before in order to run the program. Phil will contact Greg to get the balance paid for them. (7/28) Ryan reports that he and Derek are fully paid. (8/25) First session has been completed. Ryan and Derek may need professional help after seeing Phil sing and dance. Ryan thought it was fun even though he was late. Ryan would appreciate help with ticket worksheets. He is a Bobwhite and Derek is an Owl.

Miscellaneous Business

Rotary Sign: (09/30) Rev. Richard Wang, former minister at CVUMC, said the Rotary sign needs to be repaired. He suggested a scout take it as a project. It's a sign with a case that takes announcements; it belongs to the Rotary Club. Resources could be provided. They would really like a scout or the troop to take on the project. Ed showed an interest and got his phone number. They would like to have it done before the winter sets in. (10/21) It's a small sign. Who's going to do it? (11/25) Nick Horan is looking for an Eagle project. Ed will look at it and see if it is big enough for an Eagle project. Ed will contact Rev. Wang. (12/23) Terry will look at it. We need to get back to Reverend Wang and do this as soon as the weather gets warmer. (1/27) Terry looked at pictures from Ed, and drove past it. It is not big enough for an Eagle project, but the Troop should do it anyway. (03/03) It will be a Troop project when the weather gets nicer. It's on State Street. It was originally an Eagle project for someone from Troop 57. It has weathered. It needs to be refinished. It is on the Fire Department property. Terry said it should be done by a couple of people. (3/31) Nothing new. (04/28) – Sandy mentioned it would be a good thing for a Patrol to do for a service project. Terry thought it would take about 10 hours. It can be taken down and taken home to work on. It is on Fire Station property. They would like to have it refinished because it is an eye sore. The eaves on the building need work and it's suggested we get that taken down during then. Bill will contact us when he finds out when the eaves will be done. (5/26) It is down now because they are working on the siding. We just need to get some kids to volunteer to work on it. Bill does not have anything new about it. (6/23) Marsha Abrahams, Rotary contact, has the sign and Bill will contact her and get the sign back. Another suggestion: Tim's ticket could coordinate getting it fixed. (7/28) Tim says it's about half done. Four scouts and two adults have helped. Bill has the parts that were used to attach it before. Tim would like to paint it. Tim and Bill will get together to figure out how to mount it. (8/25) Tim said it is done. He got someone to donate a piece of cooper for the top. Go look at it.

100 Year Celebration: (01/27) Sandy heard new information at Pow Wow. We need to add these to our calendar. One is a biking trip, 100 miles. There is an Arbor Day event, a geocaching event, and more. Hall of Leadership award is also available, nominations February 8th through August 31, 2009. (5/26) Nothing new. (6/23) View information in the latest Courier. (7/28) Not much information in the Courier. Look at the dates during the Troop planning meeting to avoid conflicts. (8/25) A new patch is out. There are 5 parts to it. All of the requirements are in the Courier. They can start being earned in September. The first council event was today at the Peace Plaza. A traveling mural was presented and is at Janesville now. It will end up at the Jamboree next year. Andrew D. presented colors at the event today.

100 Years of Celebration Patch: The council trading post now has the “Year of Celebration” patches. Anyone can purchase the main patch emblem, but the ribbons must be earned. The requirements for the ribbons are printed elsewhere in this edition of the *Courier*. The requirements must be earned after September 1, 2009, to count. The ribbons will not be sold without an order form printed-out at: www.Scouting.org/100years once you have entered their achievements via the online form. That form will be available on the Website beginning September. The patch emblem retails for \$1.99. The ribbons will sell for \$.39 each. One suggestion is that units purchase a patch for each Scout and leader – then earn the ribbons through the celebration year and present them at unit meetings. Also, think about ways to invite Scouting alumni to participate in this program. See pages 7 through 10 for requirements for the ribbons.

Energy Drinks: (5/26) Eric shared an article regarding Energy Drinks that was in the newspaper. They were recently banned from the Belvidere School District. We need to consider banning them in Scouting. Especially consider banning them for traveling. Terry suggests that we ‘recommend’ that Scouts not have them at any Troop sponsored activity. No consequences at this point – we’ll just suggest it’s not a good idea. Proposed and approved. Eric will make copies of the article to hand-out next week. The new rule will be presented at that time also. (6/23) Eric still needs to tell the boys about it. When he tells them, it is complete. Phil asked if the by-laws need to be changed – No. (7/28) Eric still needs to make the announcement. (8/25) Eric will do a handout.

CPR: (5/26) We have 4 wanting to do CPR. The course can be arranged either on a Wednesday and Thursday, or 2 Wednesdays, or two Thursdays in a row. Eric will get more information. He wants to know if anyone else is interested. Wyld’s and Lopez’s are interested. Eric can have a total of 8. Greg is interested; he will check to see if his boys are interested. It will be through the Belvidere Fire Department. Nic is also interested. Eric will try to get it going within the next week or two. John is also interested. (6/23) A class was finished last night. Both sessions were completed. Approximately 15 people (10 adults and 5 scouts) took the courses. They still need to get their cards. Eric will contact the Fire Department to make the arrangement. Sandy said some of the boys need their cards for summer camp. (7/28) Still waiting for cards from the May! (8/25) Still waiting for cards; Eric is having a hard time catching up with the guy.

American flag pole: (7/28) The pole in the Troop trailer needs a new connector. Mike Emerick will get the parts and make the repair. (8/25) Eric suggested we get a new pole made out of wood like the ones we keep here at the church. He suggested Mike fix the other one until we can get a new one.

Dining Fly: (7/28) Terry requested looking into new dining flies to allow the patrols to operate independently. Ed and Lois have one to donate. Kathy will look at Target to see what they have on sale this week. Our committee agreed to allow a small group to decide if we should purchase two, depending on the quality and price. (8/25) One was purchased; it was \$77. It was 10 x 20’. It was used last weekend along with the regular one and it worked out very well. The supplies were divided so that we could have 2 cooking areas. John G. is color-coding it. We’ll wait before buying more, due to storage concerns.

New Business

Planning meeting (8/30): Scheduled for Sunday, August 30th at 3:30pm.

Religious Retreat (Sept. 11-13): Registration form is in the *Courier*. MaryAnn has it under control. It'll be held at Camp Lowden again this year.

Webelos Open House (Sept. 22): Send invitations to Pack 400, 429, 600, and 121. Also suggested Packs 141, 77, and 126. Webelos count (that we know of): Pack 400(1), Pack 429(6), Pack 121(6), and Pack 141 has a lot. Phil checking to see if 141 got an invitation. If not, we will get them one.

Fall Popcorn (Oct. 3-21): Orders are due Oct. 23 (Jessica will make them due back by October 21st.) Jessica would still like us to find a new Kernel.

Wreath Sales (Oct. 13-27): Need to pass out flyers with sold wreaths stating that we sell trees. Adriana and Tracy will do it again this year. Adriana is in the process of ordering the order forms. They cost 25 cents a piece. We only have 2 weeks to sell them this year.

Jamboree On The Air (Oct. 16-18): The JOTA event will begin on Friday, October 16, at 22:00 hours local time and will end on Sunday, October 18, at 23:59 hours local time. Patches are available. JOTA cards for recording contacts are available. Phil asked if we should push it. It is ham radio operators. It is a campout over a weekend. Scouts around the world do this at the same time and you can talk to anyone around the world. Phil did it once with Cub Scouts and it was pretty cool.

Webelos Overnighter (Oct. 17-18): Could not get MacQueen F.P. We'll go back to McCormick, which is more expensive - \$190. Terry suggested we invite more, to help cover our expenses. It's suggested inviting Webelos 1 and 2's.

Tree Delivery (Nov. 21): Usually the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Jamie Boone Yard Rake (Nov. 21?):

Tree Lot Camp-Out (Nov. 21-22):

Adopt-A-Road Clean Up (Nov. 21?):

Swimming contract for 2010: Mary and Belinda are already working on it.

Rank Advancement: Changes to rank advancements are starting Jan. 1, 2010. Every rank has 4 or 5 more requirements.

Troop information is now in the church's monthly calendar.

Men's Dinners: The dinners start up in Sept and are always on the 3rd Saturdays of the month, except December.

Web Site Calendar: The last calendar posted was May 12, we need a new one.

National Fees: When creating your budget this year, be aware that the national fees will be increasing in 2010 to \$15 per person. Boys' Life will also increase to \$15 annually. Many packs collect their fees in the fall, so remember to factor this in to your fee structure. It was \$10 and \$12 in the past.

Dutch Ovens: Ryan asked if he could borrow 2 Dutch ovens for his 2nd weekend at Wood Badge.
Yes.

Air Camp (Sept. 24–26, 2010): It's supposed to be better than the last AirCamp in 2005.